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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 and 18 have been amended, and the specification has been amended to include a reference numeral added to Figure 5A. The specification has also been amended on page 18, line 12, wherein the phrase "ot be vcovered" has been changed to "to be covered."

With respect to the rejection to the drawings, a hand-shaped outline of the impression 100 has been added to Figure 5A, and a replacement drawing sheet is attached hereto. With respect to Figure 4B, item 40, the Examiner's attention is directed to that figure and to page 15 of the specification, line 24, where "an upper forearm portion 40" is discussed. With respect to the distinction between the platform and base member, the Examiner will note that the term "platform" refers to the area where a user may place his or her hand, whereas the base member is the item directly beneath the film in the platform area, which may be rigid, resilient, or partially resilient.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and comments, Applicant believes the remaining pending claims are in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney at the telephone/facsimile numbers provided.

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